

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Tue 11/17/2015 6:35:39 PM
Subject: Re: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Sorry, running on a bunch of projects today. Tried you just now, so tag.

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On Nov 17, 2015, at 12:20 PM, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Just tried you

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Do you have a sec to call me? I'm on my cell.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Marcus <pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com>

Date: November 17, 2015 at 12:10:48 PM EST

To: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Just my daily checkin with you guys. Sorry if you're getting sick of me, but just trying to include the detailed statement that I was told we would get early this week, and that I wrote into earlier story that was coming.

Thx

-p-

Peter Marcus

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On Nov 16, 2015, at 3:03 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Nothing yet, Peter.

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From: Peter Marcus [<mailto:pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:41 PM

To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Just checking in with you guys to see if you have a more detailed response today, as we discussed on Friday.

Thanks

-p-

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On Nov 13, 2015, at 2:39 PM, Peter Marcus <pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com>
wrote:

Yes. 720-891-8280.

Thx

-p-

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On Nov 13, 2015, at 2:35 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
wrote:

Okay.

For now, all I have to share is the statement we used last night. Please attribute to an agency spokeswoman:

While the EPA Inspector General(IG) received the letter from CO DNR Executive Director King on September 2, 2015, because the IG is an independent entity within EPA, others at the agency did not receive the letter until November 10, 2015. It was shared with the media at that time in response to a CO open records law request, and subsequently shared by CO DNR with others at EPA.

We continue to have a productive working relationship with the state of Colorado and will review the matters outlined in their letter.

That said, Nancy Grantham and I want to give you a call, since we're guessing you'll want to do another story on this.

Are you available in a little bit? If so, what number?

Christie

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From: Peter Marcus [<mailto:pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com>]

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 3:18 PM

To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

I know. and I'm appreciative. Thanks again.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 13, 2015, at 1:17 PM, StClair, Christie
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Understood – we're working at very high levels to get you something stronger than what we sent around last night to those who requested it. (which was essentially, we just saw the letter and will take a look.)

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From: Peter Marcus [<mailto:pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 3:06 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Hey. I'm going to need that statement within the next couple of hours.

Thx

-p-

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On Nov 13, 2015, at 9:50 AM, Peter Marcus
<pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com> wrote:

That would be wonderful.

Thx

-p-

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On Nov 13, 2015, at 9:46 AM, StClair, Christie
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Peter. We have a statement that we've shared with a few who've asked, but I'm checking to see if we can give you something that digs a little deeper.

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From: Peter Marcus

[mailto:pmarcus@DurangoHerald.com]

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:17 AM

To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Press
<Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Statement on Colorado DNR letter

Hey Christie and others,

So, I think it's unfair to have this AP story floating around about Mike King, dir. Natural Resources Colorado, contradicting investigations that stated that Colorado officials were backing the plan to run piping through the entrance of Gold King, without having comment from you guys.

Beyond the contradiction, I think the public is raising no-confidence in the investigations. If the state says it didn't back the plan, nor oppose it, and the state also says that it made no determination as to the water level, then why has the EPA been saying that state engineers were involved with supporting the plan and being involved with it?

It seems odd that the state would send this letter unless it truly wasn't involved in the plan or the work. So, looking for comment from you guys. Were the investigations erroneous? Do you need to start from scratch now? How can the public take these investigations seriously?

Please get back to me today.

Thx

-p-

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